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11 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Honor Awards for Military Personnel

REFERENCE : Memo from Deputy Chief, Personnel Section, DPD, to Chief, Admin. Branch, DPD, 9 April 1959 (DPD-2408-59), Same Subject

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1. The reference memo, copies of which are attached, was drawn up by [redacted] at my request and in conformity with a procedure which was established in DPS approximately a year ago to provide a mechanism to recognize outstanding service on the part of military personnel who have served with Project CHALICE and who have since been separated and returned to the Air Force.

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2. A board to consider recommendations of this sort was informally established last spring by [redacted]. It included among its representation the Chief, Personnel Section, the Director of Operations, the Director of Materiel, and the undersigned. The results of last spring's deliberations were contained in General Order No. 52, Headquarters USAF, dated 18 September 1958, covering awards of various medals to military alumni of Project CHALICE.

3. After last spring's meeting it was agreed that every 90 days or 6 months, depending upon the number of separatees, the Chief, Administrative Branch would call for recommendations from the overseas field units, the U. S. domestic field unit, and headquarters, on deserving military ex-staff members. The listing in the reference memorandum is the distillate of such recommendations which during the past few months have been received from the field commanders concerned and from the headquarters components where military personnel have served.

4. Recommend that you now act to convene an informal board to consider the recommendations contained in the reference memorandum. The board would be composed of the following members: Acting Chief, DPD; Chief, Personnel Section, DPD; Chief, Operations Branch, DPD; and Chief, Materiel Branch, DPD. You may wish to

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include the Chief, Research & Development Branch since at least one of the individuals named has worked directly for him. The findings of such an informal group would be then submitted to Col. Geary over your signature and, as in the past, he would undertake to obtain the awards through intercession with A-1, which would publish them in a General Order with a classified citation. It should be noted that no individual citations are required by this activity in support of the nominations we would make to Col. Geary.

SIGNED

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Chief, Administrative Branch  
DPD-DD/P

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